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ORLOV AND FREEDOM
THE TRIAL AND SENTENCING OF YURY ORLOV HAS JAGGED
WESTERN FEELINGS OF COMPACENCY TOWARDS THE RUSSIAN
NOTIONS OF INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM LIKE A THORN
PIERCING A SANDAL. THE BASIC ISSUES ARE SO WELL
KNOWN THAT THERE IS NO NEED TO RETRACE OR RETELL
THEM, BUT ONE NEW AND DISAGREEABLE LIGHT ON THE
RUSSIANS' ATTITUDE TO THE IMPRISONED DISSIDENT
HAS JUST BEEN REVEALED.

THE PROPAGANDA PUBLICATION, SOVIET WEEKLY, PUBLISHED
IN LONDON AT THE RATHER INAPPROPRIATE ADDRESS OF
ROSARY GARDENS, IN AN ATTRACTIVE COLOUR FORMAT,
CONTAINS A LENGTHY ARTICLE ON ORLOV'S CLAIMS -
STATING THE CASE MADE AGAINST HIM IN COURT AND
SETTING FORTH HIS MISDEMEANOURS AND THE MISTAKES
HE ALLEGEDLY MADE IN HIS CLAIMS CONCERNING RUSSIAN
VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

THE POINT ABOUT THIS SYLLABUS OF ERRORS IS THAT THE
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RUSSIANS ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF WESTERN FREEDOM
OF THE PRESS TO BRING THESE CHARGES AGAINST A MAN
WHOM THEY HAVE IMPRISONED AFTER A TRIAL TO WHICH
THEY DENIED THE WESTERN PRESS ACCESS. THIS IS
HAVING ONE'S CAKE AND EATING IT WITH A VENGEANCE.

WHILE THIS MIGHT NOT BE SURPRISING IN A COUNTRY IN

WHICH PEOPLE LIKE ORLOV ARE EITHER IMPRISONED, OR
INCARCERATED IN A PSYCHIATRIC WARD TO HAVE THEIR
DISSENT BRAINWASHED AND DRUG-WASHED FROM THEM, IT IS
VERY SMALL-MINDED BEHAVIOUR AND ROTTEN JOURNALISM.

FOR SUCH A MIGHTY COUNTRY THAT HAS ENDURED AND
ACHIEVED SO MUCH, THIS EXAMPLE OF PETTY VINDICTIVENESS
TOWARDS A MAN WHO CANNOT ANSWER BACK MUST BE
TAKEN IN THE VERY OPPOSITE SENSE OF THAT INTENDED BY
THE RUSSIANS. ORLOV IS NOT JUST A WORTHLESS CROOK,
A PAWN TO WESTERN IMPERIALISTS. HE IS A SINCERE
PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE WHOSE REPUTATION STANDS SO
HIGH THAT HE RUSSIANS HAVE TO STOOP THIS LOW TO
BLACKEN HIM. KRENE

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